

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

No Good-Night Kiss.

A three-year maid, of baby charms,
Epitome of bliss.
At close of day the mother's arms
Came for her good-night kiss.

"You were a naughty girl today,
Who would not do the right;
The little girl who can't obey
I cannot kiss good night!"

The little mouth, it trembled so,
The bright eye held a tear;
She said, "But you will kiss me
though,

In the morning, mamma, dear?"
"Yes, in the morning, when you call."
Ah! childish griefs are deep!
She turned her fair face to the wall
And wept herself to sleep.

She awoke not here: Death called her
name,
To wake in heaven instead;
And when, at dawn, the mother came,
She found her darling dead.

Oh, mother-heart! thy wrong confessed,
What is thine anguish now?
She clasped her dead face to her breast.
Kissed lips and eyes and brow.

Oh, grieving heart! What can atone?
Mothers, remember this:
Send no child to sleep land unknown
Without a good night kiss.

—Boston Transcript.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I like to read the little letters from the little folks. Our school closed the 13th of March and we had a nice time. We made our teacher a present of a quilt. His name is Wm. Sellers. He has moved to Paulding Co., where he intends to make his future home. I am nine years old. My studies are Reading, Arithmetic and Spelling. I got the prize for head marks this winter. I have two sisters and one brother. My oldest sister is married and has three children. Our kind ma died about three months ago. We miss her greatly. We have two pet squirrels which run all over the yard and trees and any place they want to. Their names are Billy and Maggie. We also have a bird which we call Sweet. I will close for this time. If my letter is worthy to be printed I may write again. Your little friend,

IDELLA PEARSON.

North Star, Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR: I have written a letter for the Children's Column. I have not seen it in the paper yet. I have seen a piece in the paper, Children Should be Prompt. I think it is very true. I would like to see you prompt. Please be so kind and put my letter in the Children's Column. I would be sorry if you did not get my letter. I am ten years old. If you have not gotten it yet, let me know and I will send you one again.

FLORENCE HANG.

Canton, Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would write for the paper again and tell the little folks what we are doing nowadays. The weather is very pleasant. The crab-apple, pear and plum trees are blossoming and so are the gooseberry bushes. The perfume off of the trees is better than that you buy. We are planting corn now, hope the Ashland folks will soon be able to do the same.

Some time ago we enjoyed a weeks visit from our cousin, Howard H. Keim, from Pa. We hadn't seen him for four years, and we were very glad to see him. I go to Sabbath school now. It is at 9 a. m. I think it is real interesting. I am in a class of eight. Our teacher's name is Mr. C. C. Carr. I cannot go to school this summer. I am very sorry there is none for I like to go so well. I will answer Mary F. Wiseman's question. "Who was struck dead for lying?" It was Ananias and Sapphira. I will close by asking a question. How long did the children of Israel eat manna? (Manna means bread.) Your Friend,

ELLA ARNOLD.

Montana, Kans.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would try and write a few lines for the paper, as I haven't seen any from this place. I love to read the Children's Column. I am fifteen years old. Our school is out. My studies were Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Spelling and History. I love to go to school. My father, mother, two sisters and myself belong to the Brethren Church. There will be communion meeting at Mount Olivet, the 17th of April. We haven't any church at this place, but Bro. Joseph Bowman preach-

es for us once a month in the school house. Noah was 600 years when the flood came, 950 when he died. I hope to see some more letters from this place. I will close hoping to see this in print.

L. JANE HARTMAN.

Scotts Ford, Va.

DEAR CHILDREN: I am pleased very much indeed to see so many good letters in your Department. I know by this, that where there is a will there is a way. You are doing exceedingly well. Only keep on "Through effort we triumph." Doubtless some of you will some day attain to great usefulness in some sphere or calling. The world may hear from you. You have the talent and ability to become great literary men and women. The opportunities at the present time are as grand, and as great, as at any time before. Perchance some of you may be sent to proclaim the good news of salvation to the heathen in foreign lands. The world is open to the missionary effort. The command is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Dear children we cannot say too much in your praise, for what you have done, and are doing. As the busy season is approaching don't stop writing. I know your parents will indulge you in this, for they well know what a vast amount of good will result from it.

I think just as "Uncle Joseph" of Lathrop, Cal., said in previous No. of EVANGELIST. "Those stories are all very pretty, but they didn't do me half as much good as so many letters from children would have done." Truly there is something prospective in the letters.

While you are writing please don't forget the "savings bank" as Aunt Laura Slotter calls it. We have a Missionary Fund at Ashland for the pennies, half dimes, dimes and dollars. To send ministers out to preach in cities, and towns, where there are no Brethren churches organized. Brother McFaden has been sent to Lancaster, Pa., to preach and perhaps before this is read by you, there will be a brethren church there, and soon some boys and girls, will write a letter from that place, and send dimes, and dollars, to the Missionary Fund, to send ministers to other cities, and towns, so the good work of Evangelizing and Christianizing will still be carried forward, and that is the way the good Lord wants it to be.

KATE YOST.

Burbank, Ohio.

"Laid up in My Head."

Daniel Webster once told a good story in a speech, and was asked where he got it. "I had it laid up in my head for fourteen years, and never

got a chance to use it until to day," said he.

My little friend wants to know what good it will do to learn the "Rule of Three," or to commit a verse of the Bible. The answer is this: "Some time you will need that very thing. Perhaps it may be twenty years before you can make it fit in just the right place, but it will be just in place some time; then if you don't have it, you will be like the hunter who had no ball in his rifle when the bear met him."

Do not feel proud at having supported your misfortune. How could you not have supported it?

Bacon says that labor conquers all things; but idleness conquers more people than labor does.

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